

REMARKS

Claims 6-20 are presently pending and stand rejected. Claims 1-5, 21, and 22 are cancelled without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the rejections and continue examination is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hobbs. Claim 6 is amended to recite "shortening a blanking period in the data to accommodate auxiliary data, without dropping any of the video frames". If in Hobbs, "one of four single frames are being transmitted [i.e., undropped] under the AFD scheme" (see Office Action, 9/13/07, p. 9), then Hobbs does not teach "without dropping any of the video frames". Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claim 6 as now amended, as well as to dependent claims 7-19.

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hobbs. Claim 20 is amended to recite, among other limitations, "wherein frequency of the new video frames after shortening the blanking period is the same as frequency of the video frames prior to shortening the blanking period". If in Hobbs, "one of four single frames are being transmitted [i.e., undropped] under the AFD scheme" (see Office Action, 9/13/07, p. 9), then Hobbs does teach "wherein frequency of the new video frames after shortening the blanking period is the same as frequency of the video frames prior to shortening the blanking period". Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claim 20 as now amended.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are allowable, thereby placing the application in a condition for allowance. Examiner is requested to pass this case to issuance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-0017 in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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